

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Prall et al.

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For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING SELF-ALIGNED CVD-TUNGSTEN/ ITANIUM CONTACT PLUGS STRAPPED WITH METAL INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

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This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of February 26, 2003 whose initial period of response is set to expire on May 26, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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